

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

The Examiner required applicants to elect for prosecution one of the following allegedly patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I, referring to FIGS. 1-4; and

Species II, referring to FIG. 5 and 6.

Applicant's Reply

Applicant elects Species I with traverse, referring to FIGS. 1-4, for initial substantive examination.

Claims 1-20 read on Species I.

The Examiner did not state if a claim was found to be generic in the Office Action. Applicant contends that claims 1-20 read on both Species I and Species II. Therefore, applicant contends that claims 1-20 are all generic.

Applicant has properly responded to the Election requirement by electing a single species for examination - Species I. Applicant understands that if a generic claim is allowed, a reasonable number of the non-elected species, and

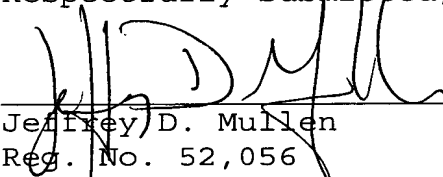
all claims that read thereon, will be rejoined to the application.

Conclusion

Applicant has elected for examination a single species of the claimed invention as required by the Examiner. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees due in connection with this Reply, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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